

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are proud and pleased to recognize marriage as one of the cornerstones of a vibrant and healthy society; and

**Whereas**, the members feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize Missouri couples who have enjoyed the benefits marriage offers; and

**Whereas**, the members now pause to recognize John Theo and Mary Ellen Werr, of Shelbina, Missouri, who will observe their fiftieth wedding anniversary on September 1, 2007, at Mount Hope Lutheran Church, in Shelbyville, Missouri, surrounded by family and friends; and

**Whereas**, John Theo Werr took the hand of his beautiful bride, Mary Ellen Schmadeke, during a solemn ceremony held at Mount Hope Lutheran Church, in Shelbyville, on September 1, 1957; and

**Whereas**, John Theo Werr is the son of Eversz and Dorothy Werr, and Mary Ellen Werr is the daughter of John and Leota Schmadeke; and

**Whereas**, well known and respected for their service to their church and their community, John Theo and Mary Ellen Werr have farmed in Shelby County for over forty years; and

**Whereas**, John Theo Werr has volunteered with the Shelby County Volunteer Fire Department and Farm Bureau, and currently services on the Shelbyville Senior Citizens Housing Board of Directors, and he has held several offices at Mount Hope Lutheran Church; and

**Whereas**, Mary Ellen Werr, a homemaker, has been involved in many community activities and is a member of the Mount Hope Lutheran Church Ladies Aid, Shelby County Extension Club, Shelbyville Women's Club, and the Republican Women's Club; and

**Whereas**, both graduates of Shelbyville High School, John Theo and Mary Ellen Werr are the proud parents of Sara and Rod Lair, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Jeff and Louanne Werr, of Shelbina, and their children, Benjamin and Nicholas; Susan and Ed Coe, of Shelbyville, and their children, Christina, Michael, and Grant; and Eric and Carol Werr, of Shelbyville, and their children, Christopher and Anna:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our sincerest congratulations to John Theo and Mary Ellen Werr on the illustrious occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary and to wish them many more happy years together; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for John Theo and Mary Ellen Werr.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Tom Shively  
District No. 8

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker